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To: Wyoming State Office

From: Buffalo Field Office

Subject: No Surface Occupancy (NSO) Lease Modification Request, Lease WYW84917

By letter dated October 4, 2011, Lance Oil and Gas Company, Inc. (Lance) filed a request with the BLM Wyoming State Office to modify the current NSO stipulation for WYW84917 to Controlled Surface Use (CSU) and Timing Limitation (TL) stipulations. Lease WYW84917 is in a portion of the Lance's Camp John Unit SMA Phase 1 (Year 1) plan of development (POD). The Environmental Assessment (EA number WY-070-EA11-214) for the Camp John Unit SMA Phase 1 (Year 1) POD analyzed the proposed stipulation modification and was posted for public review on November 4, 2011.

Surface occupancy associated with one (1) APD, well location, access road, and associated infrastructure on federal lease WYW-84917 was evaluated under Alternative B in WY-070-EA11-214.

Federal lease WYW84917 is located T51N, R75W, W2 Section 8; NENW, W2W2, SESW, S2SE Section 17. All proposed actions in the NSO portion of lease number WYW84917 (NW, NESW, and NWSW Section 8, T51N/R75W) were deferred pending the public comment period. This deferral included the following one (1) APD, the access road and associated infrastructure.

The APD location, access road, and infrastructure associated with the APD listed below were onsited in the Lance Oil and Gas Company, Inc's Camp John Unit SMA Phase 1 (Year 1) CBNG POD:

Well Name	Well #	Qtr/Qtr	Sec.	Township	Range	Lease #
Camp John Fed	23-8-5175WA	NESW	8	51N	75W	WYW84917

Formal Recommendations to Modify Lease WYW84917 Stipulations

As required in 43 CFR 3101.1-4, the analysis in EA number WY-070-EA11-214 demonstrates that protection of the Fortification Creek elk herd can be achieved by use of CSU and TL stipulations and will not cause unacceptable impacts. Therefore, the Buffalo Field Office (BFO) recommends the NSO lease stipulation on lease WYW84917 be modified to CSU and TL stipulations. BFO recommends the CSU stipulation be applied to the entire lease, which lies entirely within the Fortification Creek Planning Area and that the TL stipulation be applied to the portion of the leasing that lies within the elk parturition range. The legal land descriptions of the recommended stipulation changes are outlined below.

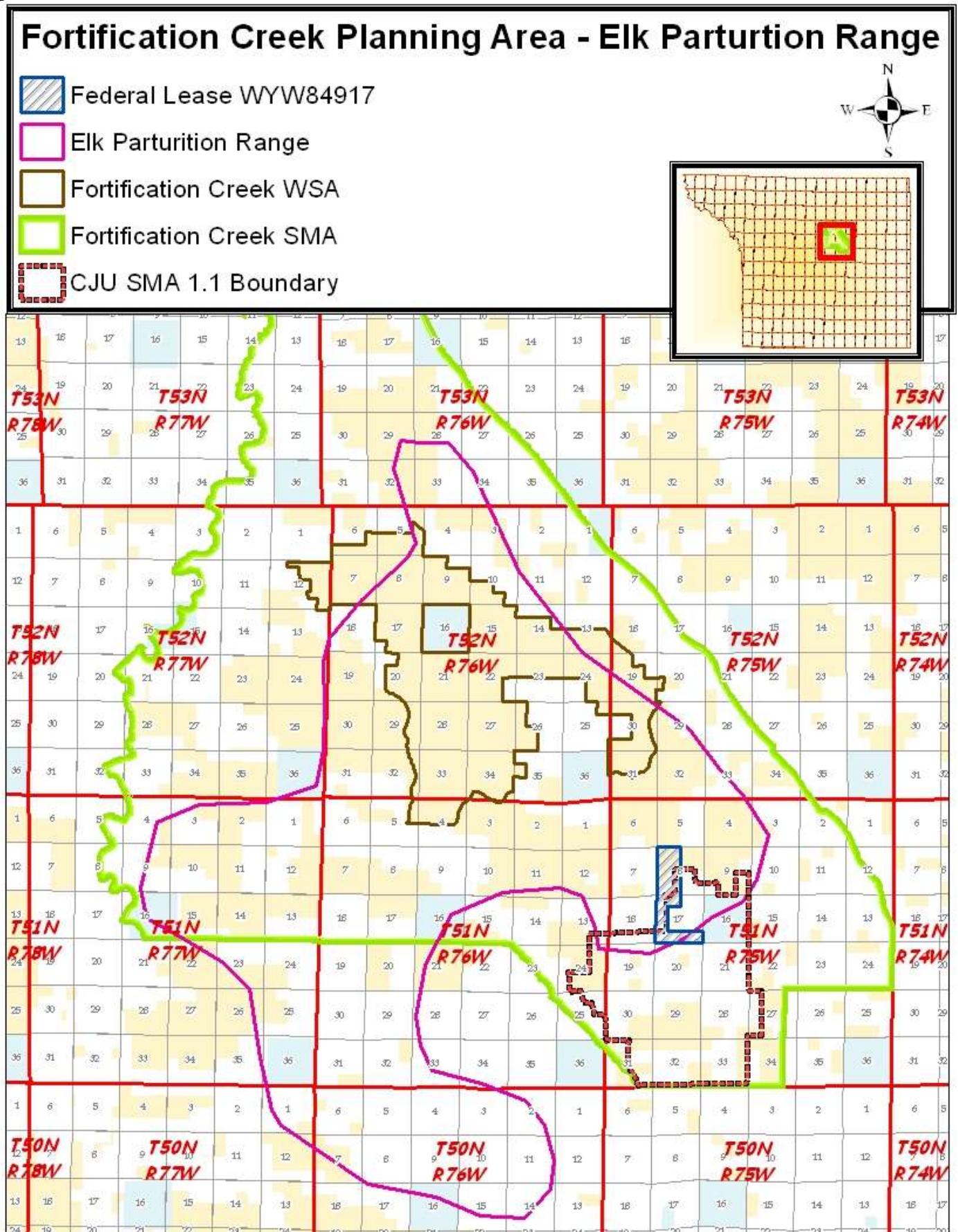
Lease Stipulations (Recommended Modification)

Lease Stipulations WYW84917

- CSU (1) Surface occupancy or use is subject to the following special operating constraints:
 - (a) Surface disturbing and disruptive activities shall only be approved with adequate mitigation to ensure compliance with the Fortification Creek Resource Management Plan Amendment (2011) performance standards.
- CSU (2) On the lands described below:
 - T51N, R75W, W2 Section 8; NENW, W2W2, SESW, S2SE Section 17
 - Within the Fortification Creek Planning Area (See Figure 1)
- CSU (3) For the purpose of:
 - Protecting elk population viability and effective calving habitat.
- TL (1) No surface use is allowed during the following time period(s). This stipulation does not apply to operation and maintenance of production facilities.
 - (a) WGFD designated elk calving areas.
 - (b) WGFD recommended dates: May 1 - June 30 [WGFD 2009].
 - (c) Surface disturbing and disruptive activities shall only be approved with adequate mitigation to ensure compliance with the Fortification Creek Resource Management Plan Amendment (2011) performance standards.
- TL (2) On the lands described below:
 - T51N, R75W, W2 Section 8; NENW, W2W2, SESW, SWSE Section 17
 - That portion of the lease within Elk Parturition Range as mapped by the WGFD (See Figures 1 and 2)
- TL (3) For the purpose of:
 - Protecting elk calving area(s).

If there are any questions, please contact Jim Verplancke (307)684-1057 or Tom Bills (307)684-1133.

Figure 1



Calving Season (May 15 - June 15) Elk Use 2008 - 2011
Camp John SMA Year 1 POD & Lease WYW-84917

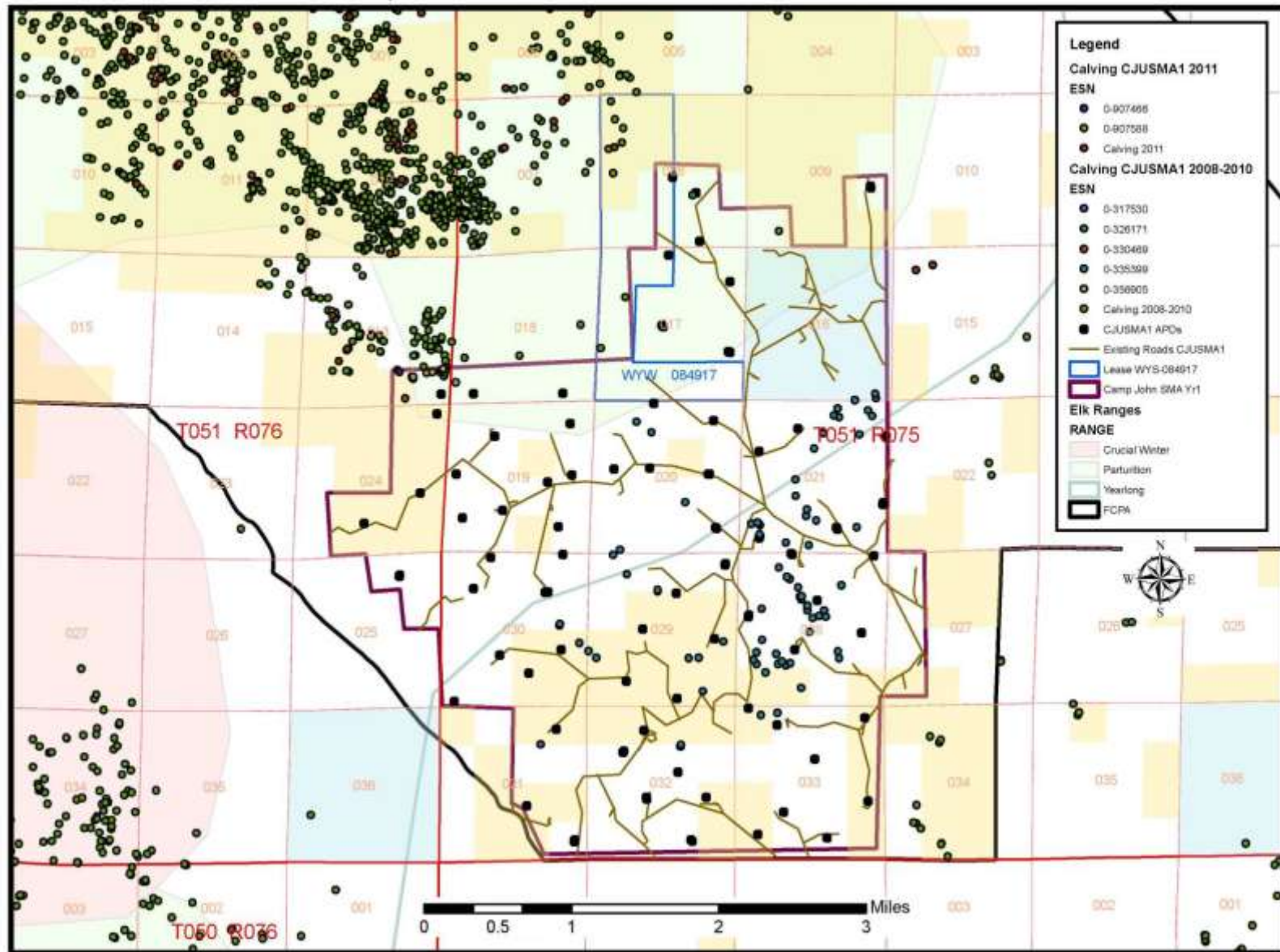


Figure 2